

Looking through the comments to this docket received to-date (11/27/2002), it would appear that the people of the state of Indiana enjoy a right that the rest of the country is currently being denied – the right to a peaceful evening at home, uninterrupted by unwanted telephone solicitations. I do not understand the argument that our constitutional freedom of free speech somehow entitles telemarketers to a “right” to disturb me at home on the telephone. I support their right to stand on any street corner that they wish and to talk about their products to anyone who wishes to stop and listen – that is free speech. I do not however support the thought that this right of free speech is such that they could enter my home and stand in my living room to exercise that right, yet that is what they are effectively trying to do through their unsolicited telephone calls. I believe that it is reasonable for citizens to expect that their government will act in their best interests. In this case that should mean providing some means of relief or protection for citizens who do not wish to be imposed upon by unauthorized telemarketing intrusions into the home. A National no-call list is one way to provide such protection. I urge you to consider implementing such a list or to come up with some other effective way to provide citizens a way to protect themselves from this form of home invasion.